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SUBJECT: KOREAN TRADE UNION LEADER SEEKS POLITICAL ASYLUM

1. COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR BILL WEBB YESTERDAY ADVISED US THAT YOUNG-JE YOON, FORMER LEADER OF FK TU, WAS AFRAID TO RETURN TO KOREA BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE REPRISALS BY PARK GOVERNMENT AND THUS WAS INTERESTED IN POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. WEBB TOLD US THAT HE HAD REFERRED HIM TO AN ATTORNEY WHO IS PRESUMED TO BE AN EXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS.

2. WE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE COULD NOT ADVISE SUBJECT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER; THAT IT WAS A MATTER THAT ONLY HE COULD PURSUE; AND THAT, SINCE HIS U.S. VISA HAD EXPIRED, HE MUST CONTACT U.S. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

3. WEBB IS SOMEWHAT WARY ABOUT CWA GETTING OVERLY
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INVOLVED AND THUS HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND

INFORMATION ON YOUNG-JE YOON. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE
APPRECIATIVE IF EMBASSY WOULD FORWARD AVAILABLE INFOR-
MATION ON YOON. KISSINGER

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